PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket No. (Large Entity) 14683 NOV 1 7 2003 In Re Application Of: Akira Suyama, et al. Group Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Serial No. Arun K. Chakrabarti 1634 June 1, 2001 09/872,881 Invention: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action May 13, 2003 above-identified application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Five months ☐ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months July 13, 2003 until: **November 13, 2003** Date The fee for the extension of time is \$1,480 and is to be paid as follows: A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Mark The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP Dated: November 13, 2003 Signature Peter I. Bernstein Registration No. 43,497 SCULLY, SCOTT, MURPHY & PRESSER certify that this document and fee is being deposited 400 Garden City Plaza on 11/13/03 with the U.S. Postal Service as

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